

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Timothy W. Fofonoff

Serial No.: 09/519,247

Filed: March 6, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
BIOPOLYMER COAGULATION IN A
UNIFORM FLOW

Attorney Docket No.: TSS-030

Group Art Unit: 1732

Examiner:

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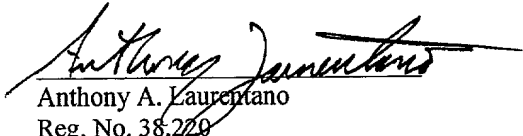
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please
amend the claims as follows.

Please cancel claims 20-24 and 37-39.

REMARKS

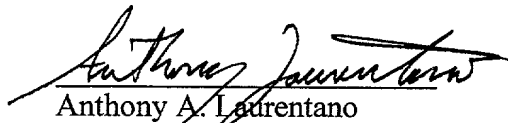
Preliminary to examination of this application, please cancel claims 20-24 and 37-39. The above amendments introduce no new subject matter.

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is in order and requested.

If there are any questions regarding the proposed amendments to the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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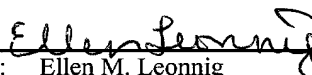
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the above-referenced application, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Specification:

Insert the following sentences before the first line on page 1: This application is a divisional application of serial no. 09/519,247 filed on May 6, 2000, Pending. The contents of the all of the aforementioned applications(s) are hereby incorporated by reference."

In the Claims:

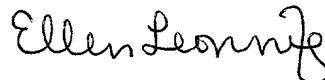
Please cancel claims 1-19 and 25-27.

REMARKS

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please cancel claims 1-19 and 25-27. The above amendments introduce no new subject matter.

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment be approved, as they believe that the amendment is in compliance with 37 CFR §§1.115 and 1.121. Specifically, applicant asserts that no new matter has been added, no office action has been received, and the amendment is filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii). The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."** Finally, no fee is associated with the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 1 has been amended as follows:

This application is a divisional application of serial no. 09/519,247 filed on May 6, 2000,
Pending. The contents of the all of the aforementioned applications(s) are hereby
incorporated by reference.

In the Claims:

Claims 1-19 and 25-27 are cancelled.